

Interlaken, 1 November 1978

Dear Family,

Our experience together this fall was unquestionably one of the highlights of my European residency. To have been able to share so many things of common interest with so many of my family was a most meaningful privilege and I am grateful to all of you for having enabled me to realize the dream of having a family gathering on Mt. Nüegg. Thank you, too, for your many expressions of kindness to me and my family. We love you and appreciate all you have done for us. Your letters to the Swiss relatives are also deeply appreciated. Several of them have told me about having received mail from you and the faces of those with whom I have personally talked radiated their warmth and affection for all of you.

Yesterday the missionaries telephoned Margaret to extend greetings to our family from Helene and Ernst von Allmen (Helene is Freddy Kunz's sister) in Leissigen. The elders met the von Allmens while tracting and Helene told them all about the reunion on Mt. Nüegg. She also expressed a desire to learn (at least a little) more about the church, accepted a Book of Mormon and made an appointment for the elders to return for a second visit. I feel certain that without your visit here, those meetings would never have materialized. A few weeks ago the elders also met Esther Stettler Maurer, Heini Maurer's (the alp horn player) wife, while tracting in Unterseen. The Stettlers are devout members of the United Brethern Pentecostal Church-- Esther's 90 year old father, whose wife was a Kunz, is a retired preacher and several of her brothers are presently leaders in the church, one of them in Zurich is in charge of a regular evangelical radio program broadcast throughout Europe -- but she did talk at length with the missionaries, asked if they knew her Mormon relatives and told them that Heini had entertained us at the family home evening at Zener's.

Marie Louise Zenger, the daughter whom you met who had a nervous breakdown in England, has fully regained her strength and good health. She felt that a virtual miracle had been performed in her behalf as a result of the administration of the missionaries in the London Clinic and asked if she could have the elders in Interlaken teach her the Gospel. She was baptized in Thun on October 20th.

Hans Joerg Kunz, Arnold's son, is enjoying his studies and work in Illinois--